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ANNUAL REPORT

UPON THE

HEALTH AND SANITARY

—— CONDITION ——

OF THE

Rural District of Glendale

For Year ending Dec. 31st, 1949

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MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT, 1949

The area of Glendale is 147,695 acres. The resident population according to the Registrar-General's estimate was 7,687, a decrease of 113 on 1948.

The rateable value of the district in 1949 was £29,956 and 1d. rate in the £ was £128.5.9.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The chief industry in the area is agriculture and quarrying for gravel. There was practically no unemployment during the year. There were 36 new houses built during the year, two by private enterprise.

The vital statistics for the year 1949 are as follows:—

		Total	Male	Female	
Live Births	Legitimate	119	62	57	Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated population, 16.1
	Illegitimate	5	—	5	
		124	62	62	
Still Births	Legitimate	3	2	1	Rate per 1,000 of estimated population, 0.39
	Illegitimate	—	—	—	
		3	2	1	
Deaths	... ..	90	45	45	Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated population, 11.7

Deaths from Puerperal causes:—

Puerperal Sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Other Puerperal Causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age:—

All Infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	24.2
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	Nil
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	...	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	Nil
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	...	12
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	...	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	...	Nil

GENERAL PROVISION FOR HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

There is one part-time Medical Officer of Health for the area. There is one full-time Sanitary Inspector and one Assistant Sanitary Inspector.

Laboratory Facilities

Specimens for bacteriological analysis are sent to the County Bacteriologist and specimens for chemical analysis to the County Analyst.

Ambulance Facilities

There is a 24-hours Ambulance Service in Wooler which is carried out under the auspices of the British Red Cross Society and administered by the County Ambulance Officer under the County Medical Officer of Health.

Nursing in the Home

There are no practising Registered Midwives in the district. The needs of the population for nursing attention in their homes are met by several District Nurses under the supervision of the County Medical Officer of Health. There is one Health Visitor for the area.

Treatment Centre and Clinic

There is one Child Welfare Clinic in Wooler which is held once a fortnight under the supervision of the Medical Officer of Health and the Health Visitor.

Hospitals

There is no hospital in the area, arrangements having been made for the admission of patients to either Berwick or Alnwick Infirmaries. The Isolation Hospital previously used has been handed back to the owners and is no longer available.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES FOR THE AREA

Full details of these are contained in the attached report of the Sanitary Inspector.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

There were remarkably few cases of Infectious Diseases during the year, although there were mild epidemics of Measles and Chicken Pox; there were no fatalities.

Diphtheria immunisation was carried on during the year and the records of immunisation have been kept by the County Medical Officer of Health.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1949

Diseases	Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Smallpox	—	—	—
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	—	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	—
Enteric Fever	—	—	—
Anterior Polio-myelitis	1	1	—
Pneumonia	15	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Other diseases notifiable:—			
Chickenpox	68	—	—
Measles	62	—	—
Whooping Cough	21	—	—
Erysipelas	2	—	—

Age Group	Anterior Polio- myelitis	Pneu- monia	Chicken Pox	Measles	Whoop- ing Cough	Erysipe- las
Under 1 Year	—	3	2	4	—	—
1 Year	—	—	4	17	5	—
3 Years	—	—	11	15	5	—
5 Years	—	—	40	16	10	—
10 Years	—	—	6	6	—	—
15 Years	—	2	3	1	—	—
25 Years	1	—	2	3	1	—
45 Years	—	4	—	—	—	1
Over 65 Years	—	6	—	—	—	1
Total	1	15	68	62	21	2

NOTIFICATION OF TUBERCULOSIS DURING YEAR 1949

Age Periods	New Cases		Deaths	
	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory
0	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	—	—
15	—	—	—	—
25	3	—	—	—
35	—	—	—	—
45	—	—	—	—
55	—	1	—	—
Over 65	—	—	—	—
Total	3	1	—	—

The annual report of the Sanitary Inspector is attached hereto, together with the tables of the Registrar General, giving the birth-rate and death-rate and various causes of death and analysis of the year.

A. N. BOUSFIELD,
Medical Officer of Health.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1949

Causes of Death								M.	F.
All Causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	45
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Cancer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	8
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	8
Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	20
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Other Respiratory Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Other Digestive Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Diarrhoea under 2 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Congenital Debility	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Violence other than Suicide	1	—
Nephritis	1	—
All other causes	7	2
Population								7,687	

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VITAL STATISTICS

Birth-rates, Civilian Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Mortality and Case-rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the Year 1949. Provisional figures based on Quarterly Returns.

	England and Wales	126 C.B.s and Great Towns, including London	148 Smaller Towns (Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census)	London Adminis- trative County
Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population				
Births:—				
Live births	16.7 (a)	18.7	18.0	18.5
Still births	0.39 (a)	0.47	0.40	0.37
Deaths:—				
All Causes	11.7 (a)	12.5	11.6	12.2
Typhoid and Para- typhoid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough ...	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
Diphtheria	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tuberculosis	0.45	0.52	0.42	0.52
Influenza	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.11
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01
Pneumonia	0.51	0.56	0.49	0.59
Notifications (Corrected):—				
Typhoid Fever	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Paratyphoid Fever	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02
Scarlet Fever	1.63	1.72	1.83	1.46
Whooping Cough ...	2.39	2.44	2.39	1.70
Diphtheria	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.07
Erysipelas	0.19	0.20	0.19	0.17
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Measles	8.95	8.91	9.18	8.54
Pneumonia	0.80	0.91	0.65	0.55
Acute Poliomyelitis	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.18
Acute Polioencephalitis	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01
Food Poisoning ...	0.14	0.16	0.14	0.19
Deaths:—	Rates per 1,000 Live Births			
All causes under 1 year of age	32 (b)	37	30	29
Enteritis and Diarrhoea under 2 years of age ...	3.0	3.8	2.4	1.7
Notifications (Corrected)	Rates per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births			
Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia	6.31	8.14	5.30	6.82

Maternal Mortality in England and Wales

	Rates per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births	Rates per million women aged 15-44
140 Abortion with Sepsis ...	0.11	8
141 Abortion without Sepsis	0.05	4
147 Puerperal infections ...	0.11	
142-146, 148-150 Other maternal causes	0.71	

(a) Rates per 1,000 total population (b) Per 1,000 related live births

General Register Office,
(Statistical Division),
Somerset House,
London, W.C.2.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year ending 31st December, 1949.

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS

Control of cowsheds by the authority ceased as at the 1st October, 1949. At that time there were 30 cow-keepers with 435 cows. This shows a slight increase on last year of two additional cow-keepers and 15 cows.

Generally the standard of cleanliness was high, but there is still room for improvement amongst smaller cow-keepers. There were 3 accredited milk producers and 8 T.T. milk producers licensed by the County Council.

As from the 1st October only dairies, other than dairies and cow-keepers, were registerable by the Local Authority.

Samples from the dairies are taken from time to time and unsatisfactory reports are notified to the Ministry of Agriculture.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

This continued to work well during the year. A large number of B.S.S. dustbins were supplied to users at cost price plus administration charges.

During the flood of October a considerable portion of the Haugh Head tip was washed away and nuisance was caused to occupiers of land on the lower reaches of the Wooler Water.

A contract was made and dustbins collection was commenced in Bowsden Village during the year.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

The centralised slaughterhouse continues to be maintained to a high standard of cleanliness.

From practical experience there is room for improvement in the arrangements for slaughtering. Considerable improvement in the layout of the slaughterhouse could be made by modifying one of the existing slaughter halls into a hanging hall, as the conditions under which animals are slaughtered at present is unsatisfactory when heavy kills occur around midsummer.

The amount of slaughtering that is carried on will be seen from the appended list.

WATER SUPPLIES

Although the scheme for the Branxton water supply was prepared and approved in 1948, it is put on record that this scheme has not yet been approved by the Ministry. The delay experienced between submitting schemes to the Ministry of Health for small water supplies and the approval is far too long. Some take as long as over two years to receive approval.

Both Branxton and Wark Villages are badly in need of an improved water supply and I fear that in the event of another dry summer like the one of this year great hardship, if not danger to public health, will occur due to diminished water supplies in these villages.

SEWERAGE

An enquiry was held during the year at Chatton on the Council's proposals to sewer the village.

HOUSING

It was possible in July to make a start on the Rural Housing Survey, with the appointment of the additional Sanitary Inspector. It will be seen from the appendices the number of houses that have been inspected during the year.

The Council completed 34 houses during the year with State Aid. Two houses were built by private enterprise. The Council granted aid under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act for 7 houses.

Due to the floods in October the Haugh Head huts were abandoned and the tenants rehoused at Milfield Aerodrome. At the end of the year 20 temporary dwellings were completed on the Sick Quarters and Communal Sites at Milfield Aerodrome.

Three cottages and shops were demolished in the Market Place, Wooler, on an order confirmed by the Ministry in 1939.

The Housing Act, 1949, came into operation. There is great hope that this might be a valuable contribution to the housing in the district if owners take advantage of it and the Ministry co-operate in full to make it a success.

BUILDING LICENSING

Civil Building Licensing again takes up a great deal of time. During the year licences totalling £31,161 were issued.

SALVAGE

During the year 7 tons 1 cwt. 3 qrs. of waste paper and cardboard were collected and sold for £45.11.7. It is regretted that due to the Board of Trade taking off maximum prices and the order repealing the duties imposed on the Local Authority to collect salvage that the efforts of your Salvage Officer should be wasted owing to the fact that the pulp mills will not now pay a price for salvage that warrants collection.

ARTHUR R. FIELD,

Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.

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CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle including cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	516	93	221	2072	35
Number inspected	516	93	221	2072	35
All diseases except tuberculosis. Whole carcasses condemned ...	14	—	—	112	3
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	321	—	17	157	12
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than tuberculosis ...	65%	—	7.7%	12.9%	42.8%
Tuberculosis only. Whole carcasses condemned ...	11	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	50	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with tuber- culosis	11.8%	—	—	—	—

FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS

Total number of outbreaks	Number of cases	Number of deaths	Organisms or other agents responsible with number of outbreaks of each	Foods involved with number of outbreaks of each
NIL RETURN				

SUMMARY OF WORK EFFECTED

		By Informal Action	By Statutory Notice	TOTAL
Sanitary Conveniences	Privies and Privy Ashpits abolished	36	—	36
	Privies and Privy ashpits repaired	—	—	—
	Pail-Closets abolished	25	—	25
	Water Closets provided	55	—	55
	Number of above for which grant was given, P.H.A., 1936, S.47 ...	6	—	6
	Sanitary bins provided	120	—	120
	Sanitary bins renewed	180	—	180
Drainage	New drains constructed	61	—	61
	Drains repaired or reconstructed ...	34	—	34
	Additional gullies provided	—	—	—
	Old gullies replaced	—	—	—
	Scullery sinks provided	73	—	73
	Scullery waste-pipes repaired ...	31	—	31
	Scullery waste-pipes trapped ...	—	—	—
	Yards repaired or reconstructed ...	9	—	9
Water Supply	Sources closed or discontinued ... 3	No. of houses		6
	New service provided:			
	(a) By Local Authority —	No. of houses		—
	(b) By Private Owner 8	No of houses		27
	Number of dwelling-houses supplied by (a) internal tap or 1476 (b) standpipe 633			

FOOD INSPECTION

UNSOUND FOOD		Surrendered	Seized	Legal Proceedings
1. Beef (Home-killed)	Stones	1342	Nil	Nil
2. Beef (Imported)	„	—	—	—
3. Mutton (Home-killed)	„	140	—	—
4. Mutton (Imported)	„	—	—	—
5. Pork (Home-killed)	„	32	—	—
6. Pork (Imported)	„	—	—	—
7. Game	Lbs.	—	—	—
8. Poultry	„	—	—	—
9. Fish	„	—	—	—
10. Fruit	Lbs. or Cases	33 lbs.	—	—
11. Canned Goods	Tins or Cases	375 lbs.	—	—
12. Bacon	Lbs.	—	—	—
13. Cheese	„	—	—	—
14. Butter	„	13 lbs.	—	—
15. Lard	„	—	—	—
16. Eggs		46	—	—
17. Other Foods		—	—	—

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER, 1926, Section 6 (1) and (4) (As at 1st October, 1949)

Number of Cowkeepers (registered) in district ...	...	...	30
Approximate number of cows kept ...	...	...	435

MILK REGULATIONS, 1949

Number of Registered Dairies ...	...	...	1
Number of Registered Distributors ...	...	...	1

GLENDALE RURAL DISTRICT

Population, 7,687

Inspector, A. R. FIELD

	Number of Inspections during year	Number of Defects or Contraventions of Bye-Laws.	Total.	Number of Informal Notices served.	Defects remedied by informal action.	Number of Statutory Notices served.	Defects remedied after Statutory Notice.	Legal Proceedings.
Housing								
Structural Defects (Summary of Sheet II)	...	1	3	4	5	6	7	8
Defective Food-store	...	804	—	24	587			
Dampness	...	22	—	3	16			
Overcrowding	...	160	—	38	134			
	...	2	—	—	2			
Water Supply								
Insufficient	...	204	—	—	—			
Unsatisfactory	...	—						
Drainage								
Insufficient	...	24	—	21	21			
Defective	...	6	—	6	6			
Sanitary Conveniences								
Insufficient	...	44	—	32	32			
Defective	...	14	—	7	7			
Food Premises	...	32		12	12			
Shop Acts	...	—						
Dairies	...	82		3	3			
Slaughter Houses	...	210		—	—			
Tents, Vans, etc.	...	18		18	18			
Offensive Trades	...	—		—	—			
Factories and Workplaces	...	17		2	2			
Keeping of Animals	...	3		3	3			
Insanitary Ashpits and Receptacles	...	62		61	61			
Offensive Accumulations	...							
Smoke Nuisances	...							
Total	...	1724	—	131	922			805

HOUSING

Tabular Statement for Year 1949

Houses Completed during the year	With State Assistance	Unaided	Total
(a) By Local Authority } Permanent	34	—	34
} Temporary	20	—	20
(b) By other Bodies or } Permanent	—	2	2
} Temporary	—	—	—

1. RURAL HOUSING SURVEY

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

Category	Classification	Number
1	Satisfactory in all respects	28
2	Minor Defects	149
3	Requiring repair, structural alterations or improvement	81
4	Appropriate for reconditioning under Housing (Rural Workers) Acts	402
5	Unfit for habitation and beyond repair at reasonable expense	144

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES:

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or its officers ... 32

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS:

(A) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... Nil

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—

(a) By owners ... } Nil

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... }

(B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... Nil

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—

(a) By owners ... } Nil

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... }

(C) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	3
(3) Number of dwelling houses closed but not demolished (H.A., 1949, S.3)	...	...	...	—

(D) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	Nil
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	...	Nil

4. NUMBER OF HOUSES PERMANENTLY DISCONTINUED AS DWELLINGS AND NOT INCLUDED ABOVE	...	11
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HOUSING ACT, 1949 (SEC. 20)

(a) Number of separate dwelling houses in respect of which applications for grant have been received	...	22
(b) Number of separate dwelling houses in respect of which applications for grant have been approved	...	Nil

